

REMARKS

Claims 1-5, and 12-37 are pending in this application. Claims 1 and 12-18 are amended. New claims 34-37 are added. Reconsideration in view of the following remarks is kindly requested.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

Applicants acknowledge the allowance of claims 19-25. Also in the outstanding Office Action, the Examiner indicates that claims 7-18 would be allowable if rewritten into independent form.

In view of the allowed claims, claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the allowable subject matter of claim 7 and intervening claim 6. New claim 34 incorporates claim 1, the subject matter of allowable claim 8, and intervening claim 6. New claim 35 incorporates claim 1 and the allowable subject matter of claim 9. New claim 36 incorporates claim 1 and the allowable subject matter of claim 10. New claim 37 incorporates claim 1 and the allowable subject matter of claim 11.

Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in a condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

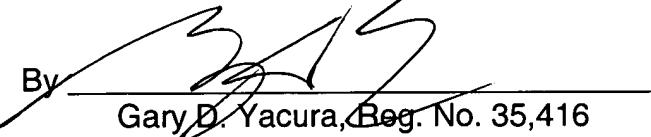
Accordingly, in view of the above amendments and remarks, reconsideration of the rejections and allowance of each of claims 1-5, and 12-37 in connection with the present application is earnestly solicited.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Gary Yacura at the telephone number of the undersigned below.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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